

**Labor, Education and Training Committee
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2002 - 9:00 a.m.
Tribal Office Boardroom**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Committee Chairman Tony Waupochick called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Those present: Karen Washinawatok, Dr. Verna Fowler, Dr. Donna Powless, and Virginia Nuske. Those absent, Rose Wayka (excused) and Amy Waukau. Also present were John Rothlisberg, Rory Griffin, Linda Zablocki, Ann Marie Johnson, Jonesy Miller and Mike Wilber.

2. Moment of Silence - A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated August 26, 2002

Motion made by Dr. Fowler to approve the minutes of August 26, 2002. Seconded by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Language & Culture Proposal/Ann Marie Johnson

Ann Marie Johnson was present and gave the committee a power point presentation on a proposal that the Menominee Tribal Legislature/Menominee Indian School District Task Force has been working on. The proposal is in regards to the consolidation and reorganization of the Menominee Language and Culture Commission. Currently there are several different entities working on Language and there is a duplication of programs.

Ann Marie stressed the fact that this proposal is not set in stone and she would like input from the Language & Culture Commission and the Labor, Education & Training Committee.

The presentation was already given to the Language & Culture Commission.

5. Review Committee Reports

Committee members would like the departments that report to them to submit a one page report rather than the Monthly Status Report or to just send the narrative. Departments don't have to come to the monthly meetings unless the committee has an issue with that department they would like to discuss.

Virginia Nuske has a student recognition she would like the committee to approve. Committee reviewed all the paper work for the recognition and Virginia stated that the student does qualify for the Wisconsin Indian Grant.

Motion made by Dr. Fowler to approve the student recognition for Wisconsin Indian Grant purposes. Seconded by Dr. Powless. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent, 1-absentmention (Nuske). Motion carried.

6. Other Business

Dr. Powless stated that she submitted a request to Finance to reallocate funds that she had originally for books to another line item so she can purchase a security system for the school because of all the vandalism taking place.

Committee wanted to know why she asked for and received money for new school books and doesn't need them anymore. Dr. Powless stated that she did use \$40,000 out of that allotment to purchase math books but then \$75,000 in funding came in from the BIA and she used that money to purchase the rest of the books that were needed.

Motion made by Virginia Nuske to support the Tribal School budget reallocation to purchase the security system if the money is actually available. Seconded by Karen Washinawatok. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Dr. Powless had one more issue she wanted to discuss with the committee. Dr. Powless stated that since school started she has been observing the kindergarten students and most of them are severely lacking in basic skills. Most of them do not know how to line up, listen to simple commands and do things such as using a scissors. Dr. Powless told the committee that there is a very good grant the tribe could apply for called "Baby Face."

Motion made by Dr. Verna Fowler to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature direct the Tribal Administrator's office to work with the grants writer and the Tribal School Administrator to appoint a planning committee to work on the "Baby Face" grant. Seconded by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

7. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Virginia Nuske to adjourn. Seconded by Dr. Powless. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services